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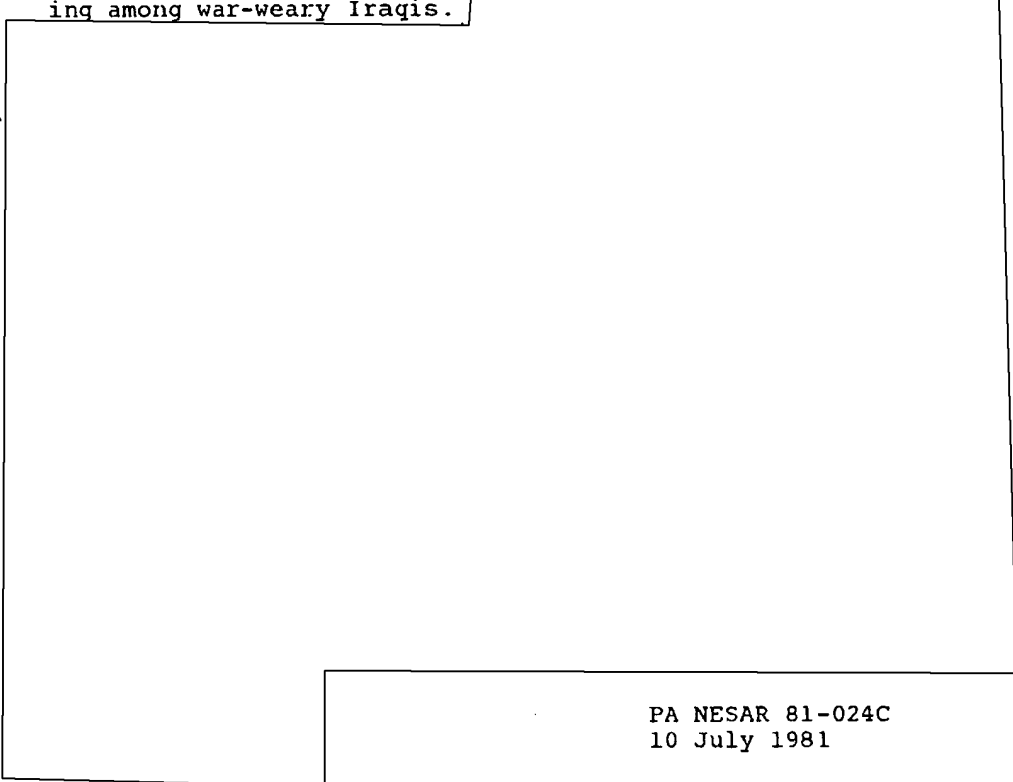
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Dissident operations have increased this spring, and opposition groups may be planning a surge of activity this summer in hope of undermining the government's standing among war-weary Iraqis. 

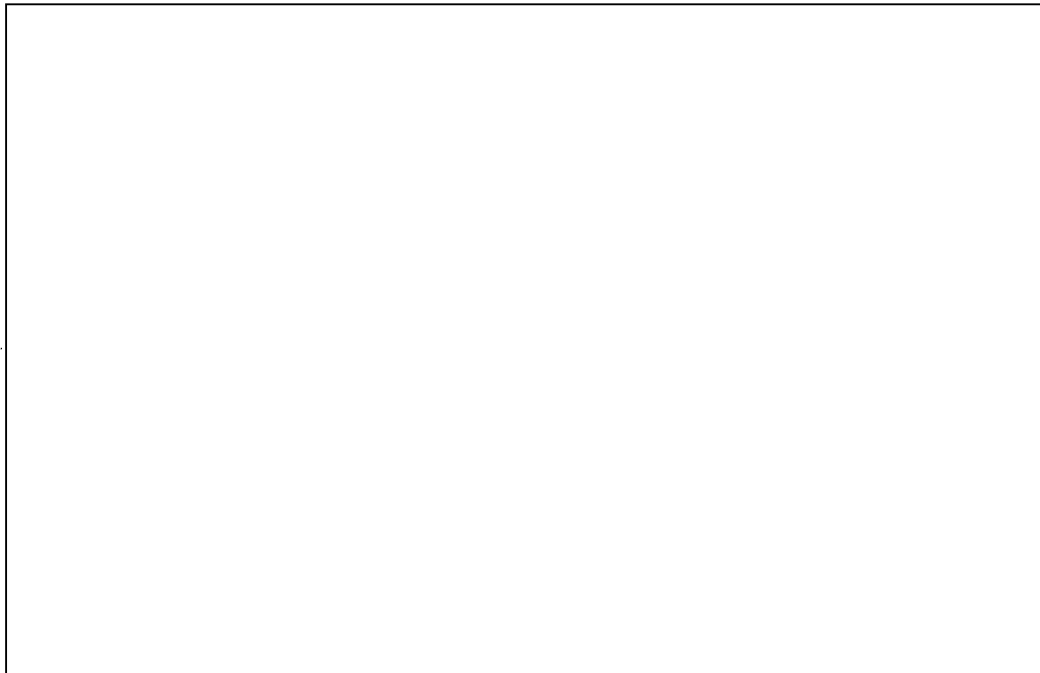


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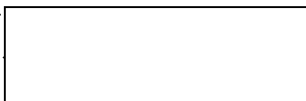
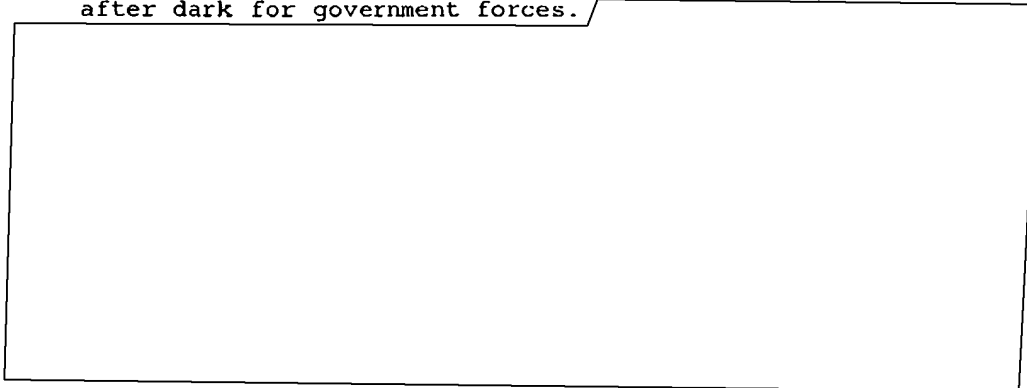
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A variety of Kurdish groups continue to operate in the north, but their effectiveness is limited by personal, tribal, and political quarreling. Many areas outside the cities and towns in Kurdistan, however, are not safe after dark for government forces.



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